

**283—14.4(261) Physician loan repayment program.**

**14.4(1) *Recruitment.*** The university shall recruit and place physicians in eligible rural communities that agree to provide additional funds for the physician loan repayment program.

**14.4(2) *Physician service requirement.*** The physician service requirement for the physician loan repayment program is four years.

**14.4(3) *Award.*** The physician may receive up to \$50,000 in state-funded repayment benefits when a community agrees to fund matching benefits of at least \$50,000.

**14.4(4) *Disbursement.***

*a.* The commission shall disburse state funds to the university upon receipt of the physician's contract to practice in an eligible rural community.

*b.* The university shall arrange for the repayment of the physician's loan(s).

**14.4(5) *Repayment.***

*a.* If a physician fails to meet the practice requirements in the agreed-upon location, the physician shall repay the commission on a prorated basis. The prorated balance will be calculated as a daily amount by dividing the amount advanced by the number of days in the service period less the number of days served by the physician multiplied by the daily amount.

*b.* A physician shall repay the prorated balance of the physician loan repayment benefits and accrued interest at 12 percent per annum.

*c.* The prorated balance of the physician loan repayment benefits must be paid in full within three years from the date the service ends.

**14.4(6) *Restrictions.*** A physician who is in default on a Stafford Loan, SLS Loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for repayment benefits. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 5, Iowa Administrative Code.

**14.4(7) *Administrative allowance.*** The commission shall pay the university an administrative fee from the funds appropriated for the tuition scholarship and physician placement programs.